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SUBJ: AIR TRAVEL OF BHUTTO FROM TORONTO TO NYC FEB 26

1. EXTAFF DEPT (R. L. ROGERS) INFORMED EMBASSY TODAY (FEB 23) THAT PAKISTAN PM ALI BHUTTO AND PARTY PLAN DEPART TORONTO AT 1030 FEB 26 FOR NYC IN PAKISTAN AIRWAYS 707. ROGERS SAID GOC WOULD APPRECIATE US CUSTOMS PRE-CLEARANCE AT TORONTO AIRPORT WITHOUT EMBARRASSMENT TO PAKS AND CANADIANS. HIS ANXIETY THIS REGARD STEMMED FROM APPREHENSION SEVERAL POUNDS HASHISH ON BOARD PAK HERCULES WHICH ARRIVED STOCKHOLM ABOUT MONTH AGO.

2. FOLLOWING THIS APPROACH, EMBASSY CALLED CG TORONTO, WHICH HAS NOW REPORTED ASSURANCE BY US CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES THERE (R. CASEY) THAT FLIGHT WOULD BE CLEARED WITHOUT CHECK OF BAGGAGE, ON GROUNDS THAT HEAD OF GOVERNMENT IS INVOLVED AND THAT NYC AUTHORITIES CAN EXECUTIVE WHATEVER CLEARANCE NECESSARY.

3. PROTOCOL MAY WISH ENSURE THAT CUSTOMS SERVICE WASHINGTON IS IN ACCORD ABOVE ARRANGEMENT. ASSUMING NO DIFFICULTY, EMBASSY WILL ADVISE EXTAFF OF ARRANGEMENT.
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